

OFFICE OF THE ILLINOIS LT. GOVERNOR, JULIANA STRATTON
Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program Board (“R3PB”)
Regular Meeting Minutes
January 21st, 2021

A present majority of filled R3PB member positions shall constitute a quorum: i.e. 15 members present			
Member		Attendance	
EX-OFFICIO	OFFICE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Lieutenant Governor Juliana Stratton	Office of the Lt. Governor	X	
Sharisse Kimbro (designated by Attorney General Kwame Raoul)	Office of the Attorney General	X	
Vacant	IL Dept. of Commerce and Economic Opportunity		
Director Ngozi Ezike	IL Dept. of Public Health		X
Director Rob Jeffreys	IL Dept. of Corrections	X	
Director Heidi Mueller	IL Dept. of Juvenile Justice	X	
Dagene Brown (designated by Director Marc Smith)	IL Dept. of Children and Family Services	X	
Director Delrice Adams	Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority	X	
Director Kristin Richards	IL Dept. of Employment Security	X	
Director Grace Hou	IL Dept. of Human Services		X
Senator Kimberly Lightford	Majority Senate		X
Representative Jehan Gordon-Booth	Majority House	X	
Senator Jason Barickman	Minority Senate		X
Vacant	Minority House		
ELECTED OFFICIALS		PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Mayor of Kankakee, Chasity Wells-Armstrong		X	
Mayor of Rockford, Tom McNamara		X	
Mayor of Champaign, Deborah Frank Feinen		X	
Mayor of Aurora, Richard Irvin		X	
Mayor of Cahokia, Curtis McCall, Jr.		X	
City Clerk of Chicago, Anna Valencia		X	
Aldersperson Susan Sadlowski Garza		X	
Aldersperson Michael Scott, Jr.		X	
COMMUNITY PROVIDERS		PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Sylvia Puente		X	
Jalon Arthur		X	
Donna Crowder		X	
Michael Hubbard		X	
EXPERTS IN VIOLENCE REDUCTION		PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT

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David Olson	X	
Kathryn Bocanegra	X	
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — OVER 24 YEARS OF AGE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Bethany Little		X
Orlando Mayorga	X	
FORMERLY JUSTICE INVOLVED — 17-24 YEARS OF AGE	PHONE/VIDEO	ABSENT
Anthony Montoya	X	
Vacant		

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton called the meeting to order at 1:03PM
- b. Roll call taken and quorum established

II. Approval of the Agenda for 01/21/21 and the Minutes from 12/08/20

- a. Motion to Approve the Agenda for 01/21/21
 - i. Moved by Mayor Tom McNamara
 - ii. Seconded by Mayor Richard Irvin
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions
- b. Motion to Approve the Minutes from 12/08/20
 - i. Moved by Alderperson Michael Scott, Jr.
 - ii. Seconded by Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong
 - iii. All in favor
 - iv. No opposition
 - v. No abstentions

III. Chairperson’s Remarks

- a. Lt. Governor Stratton congratulated the Illinois General Assembly, led by the Black Caucus, on the passage of the comprehensive justice reform omnibus legislation last week. She further welcomed new board members and staffers at the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority and noted the priority for today is to work to get funding out the door for organizations to do necessary work in communities across the state

IV. New Business

- a. Conflicts of Interest
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton underscored the importance of the integrity in this process, reminding board members that they must recuse themselves from discussing and voting on organizations with whom they have a conflict of interest. She further noted that her office distributed a conflicts disclosure form prior to this meeting for board members to complete and submit
- b. **Motion to ratify the process for the record**
 - i. Moved by Mayor Tom McNamara
 - ii. Seconded by Sharisse Kimbro
 - iii. 21 in favor

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1. Chair Lt. Governor Stratton did not vote
2. Member Director Rob Jeffreys, who was otherwise present during the meeting, was not in attendance for this vote
3. Member Mayor Curtis McCall, Jr., who was otherwise present during the meeting, was not in attendance for this vote
- iv. No opposition
- v. No abstentions
- c. Update on the Grant Application Review Subcommittee’s Work
 - i. Quinn Rallins provided a brief recap of the Restore, Reinvest, and Renew Program (“R3P”) grantmaking process, including an overview of the grant application review process. Both processes were discussed in previous board meetings. He then provided an overview of meeting materials that board members received via email prior to this meeting, subsequently opening the floor for Deputy Director Charise Williams to explain the role of the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority in the grantmaking process and grant application review process; she also discussed the Subcommittee’s initial concerns with three of the highest scoring applicants per region—Law And The Fam LLC, Torito Arts, and Black Oak Center—and how these concerns were resolved ahead of this meeting
- d. Review of the Grant Application Review Subcommittee’s Program Funding Recommendations
 - i. Program Board Discussion
 1. Sylvia Puente:
 - a. Is there a demographic analysis of who’s being served by applicants?
 - i. Quinn Rallins: I don’t think we’ve done a race-based analysis, but we should do so moving forward
 - b. Was the decision made to fund grantees at 100% of their requests? If yes, I’d like to note that this means that fewer organizations are funded when more could have been funded because organizations “pad” their funding requests
 - i. Deputy Director Charise Williams: it’s up to the board how this funding is broken out or not broken out. Moving forward, we can ensure to address levels of funding for grantees if the board would like to fund at a level different than 100%
 - c. Based on the meeting material members received in advance, it is clear that these are not the highest scoring organizations overall being funded; these are the highest scoring organizations within each region being funded—meaning that some of the organizations proposed for funding were lower scoring than organizations in other regions
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton: this is because we want to make sure the entire state is covered, ensuring that we didn’t focus on only the highest scoring of all 400+ ensured the funding was more geographically equitable than it otherwise would be

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- d. In the list of 80 organizations proposed by the Subcommittee, there is at best one organization that I think is Latinx majority in terms of who it’s serving, and I think this is unacceptable
 - e. I’d like to understand how equity is going to be defined as it is clearly not based on the race/ethnicity/demographics of who is going to be served. As I mentioned in my analysis, and please correct me if I am wrong, Latinx people are clearly being underserved
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton: as I understand based on what was discussed earlier, it sounds to me like there was not race-based information collected by the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority on the front end, but there are ways to work and see how this can be collected moving forward. Sylvia, I’d also note that your insight would be invaluable on the Subcommittee so that moving forward we can look at some of the metrics your talking about
 - ii. Deputy Director Charise Williams: the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority did not do a demographic analysis, but we did collect demographic data and we can put something on this together and present it to board members
2. Alderman Michael Scott, Jr.:
- a. I was going to make a motion today to fund organizations at 80%, not 100%, to ensure that smaller organizations down the line could also access funding. But what I don’t want to do is slow down the process and prevent funds from getting out the door. Moving forward, how do we ensure we get as much money as possible out the door, but especially to smaller organizations?
 - i. Acting Director Delrice Adams: I’ll note that the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority grantmaking process is a reimbursable-based process, which means that organizations must submit proof of expenses to receive funding
 - 1. Alderman Michael Scott, Jr.: what happens if an organization does not use all of the funds requested for funding? Does it go back into the pot for the next round of funding?
 - a. Acting Director Delrice Adams: yes, the funding is specifically for R3P, so it will go back into the pot for future funding
 - b. How soon after this meeting will we start the second round of funding, and can we implement critiques of this round into the second round?
 - i. Lt. Governor Stratton: I don’t want to put a particular date on the record, but I would like us to start discussions sooner rather than later

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3. Dr. Kathryn Bocanegra:
 - a. There’s so much opportunity for capacity building at this point and moving forward. If there’s a way that I can be supportive in thinking about capacity building moving forward, I would like to offer this assistance. Also, I’d like to note that even if we didn’t fund all of the smaller and newer organizations doing community-specific work, I would note that there are a lot of new names on this list (relative to what is typically seen for state government grant recipients) and that should be commended
4. Dr. David Olson:
 - a. Was there a minimum threshold score for an applicant to receive funding; will an applicant not be funded if it doesn’t reach a specific score even if the money is available in a region?
 - i. Deputy Director Adams: there was no minimum score to be awarded funding. Scoring was determined by external reviewers and funding was given based on highest to lowest per region until funding was exhausted for that region. As was stated, funding was disbursed per region
5. Jalon Arthur:
 - a. Do we know how many organizations recommended for funding are specifically doing violence reduction work?
 - i. Quinn Rallins: we do have information on the issue-area addressed by each applicant, so can put out information on the number of organizations working in the violence reduction space. In terms of the specific approaches to violence reduction that’s being funded, we’d need to do a deeper dive to get this information
 1. Jalon Arthur: I think we’d get pressed on what we’re doing to address violence reduction statewide, so it’d be good to put this information out
 - a. Deputy Director Williams: I’d also note that there are about 120 sub-contracted organizations being funded in addition to the 80 main organizations being funded. We will get a list the sub-organizations out to members as some of the smaller community organizations board members are aware of may be include in this list of sub-grantees
 - b. The list of organizations being recommended for funding looks light on organizations doing “third and fourth” shifts in communities to address violence reduction

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ii. Motion to accept the Grant Application Review Subcommittee’s recommendation of funding the highest scoring organizations per region—77 in total—as well as the remaining three highest scoring organizations per region that needed addressing during the Grant Application Review Subcommittee update earlier in this meeting—Law And The Fam LLC, Torito Arts, and Black Oak Center

1. Moved by City Clerk Anna Valencia
2. Seconded by Alderman Michel Scott, Jr.
3. 20 in favor¹
 - a. Chair Lt. Governor Stratton did not vote
 - b. Member Director Delrice Adams recused herself from voting on Cook County Justice Advisory Council
 - c. Member Director Kristin Richards, who was otherwise present during the meeting, was not in attendance for this vote
 - d. Member Mayor Chasity Wells-Armstrong recused herself from voting on Kankakee School District and Kankakee Economic and Community Development Agency
 - e. Member Mayor Tom McNamara, who was otherwise present during the meeting, was not in attendance for this vote
 - f. Member Jalon Arthur recused himself from voting on Brighton Park Community Council, Springfield Urban League, Firehouse Community Arts Center, Law and the Fam LLC, Phalanx Community Services, Center for New Horizons, First Defense Legal Aid, and Metropolitan Family Services
 - g. Member Dr. David Olson recused himself from voting on Maywood Social Enterprise due to their association with Loyola University of Chicago
 - h. Member Orlando Mayorga recused himself from voting on University of Illinois, Chicago Youth Boxing Club, and Safer Foundation
4. 1 in opposition
 - a. Sylvia Puente
5. No abstentions
6. The complete list of organizations voted on within this motion follows:
 - 1863FWD LLC
 - Chicago Urban League
 - DuSable Museum
 - ALTERNATIVES INC
 - Center for New Horizons
 - Chicago Torture Justice Center
 - Chicago Urban League & Safer Foundation

¹ Some board members recused themselves from voting on organizations that were either (I) first round applicants that were not being considered for funding in this meeting, and/or (II) potential future applicants that board members chose to disclose at this time. In instances of the latter, these recusals were not noted as they were not relevant in any stage of the first round of funding

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- Emerald South
- Hope Center Foundation
- Phalanx Community Services
- St. Leonard's
- Communities United
- First Defense Legal Aid
- Local Initiatives Support
- Safer Found.
- Garfield Park Community Council
- Girls In The Game
- Chicago Youth Boxing Club
- Children's Place Association
- J. Blunt
- Law And The Fam LLC
- Lawndale Christian Development
- NAACP Westside Chicago Branch
- St. Leonard's
- Maywood Social Enterprise - Loyola University of Chicago
- Monroe Foundation
- The Link and Option Center
- Center for Community Academic Success Partnerships
- Cook County JAC
- Cornerstone CDC
- Knotty Luxe
- Metropolitan Family Services
- NDICA
- Urban League
- Black Oak Center
- City of Kankakee ECDA
- Key City Community Development Corporation
- Will County
- GameTime
- Kankakee School District
- Northern IL Recovery Community Organization Waukegan
- Prairie State Legal Svcs
- Will County
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- The Trep School
- University of Illinois
- IL Collaboration for Youth
- Torito Arts
- City of Rockford
- Comprehensive Community Solutions
- Girl Scouts of Northern IL
- KFACT
- Prairie State Northern IL

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- YMCA of Rock River Valley
- Family Resources
- Martin Luther King Community Center
- Perfectly Flawed Foundation
- Prairie State Legal Services
- United Way of Adams County
- Peoria Public Schools
- Prairie State
- Project Oz
- Urban League Tri County
- City of Springfield
- East Springfield Community Center Commission
- East Springfield
- IL Legal Aid Springfield
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- Macon County CASA
- Sherrod's Independent Mentoring Program
- Springfield Urban League
- Centralia
- City of Madison Police Dept
- Academic Development Institute
- United Way Greater St. Louis
- City of Harrisburg
- Public Interest Initiative
- Family Counseling Center
- Land of Lincoln Legal Aid
- Lutheran Social Services

V. Member Updates

- a. Orlando Mayorga thanked all stakeholders involved in the process to date—from community stakeholders to board members. He further discussed the impact that a lack of supports and resources had on his life, and R3P’s critical role in addressing some of the challenges he faced for current and future generations of Illinoisans
- b. Leader Jehan Gordon-Booth discussed her involvement and the involvement of the Illinois Legislative Black Caucus in cannabis work across the state, and thanked Lt. Governor Stratton, the Lt. Governor’s team, the Illinois Criminal Justice Information Authority, and all R3PB members for their work on R3P grantmaking
- c. Lt. Governor Stratton thanked Quinn Rallins and other team members on the Justice, Equity, and Opportunity Initiative for their hard work to help build out R3P. She further noted Quinn would be departing her office for endeavors elsewhere and thanked him greatly for his time and dedication to the work of her office

VI. Public Comments

- a. Tyrone Muhammed discussed the work Ex-Cons for Community and Social Change is doing to address gun-violence in his community without any grant funding. He noted that organizations like this are often overlooked for resource investment
- b. Alderman David Moore:

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- i. Will electeds receive a list of organizations being funded and the priority areas those organizations are addressing?
 - 1. Deputy Director Charise Williams: yes

VII. Adjournment

- a. Meeting adjourned at approximately 2:35PM
 - i. No motion to adjourn was made